

Appl. No.: 10/672,117  
Amdt. dated: October 10, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of: September 11, 2006

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 30-33 and 41-57 are pending. The pending claims were previously presented in the preliminary amendment filed on September 26, 2003 with the application.

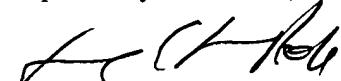
The present office action was based on the original claims (claims 1-40) in the application, but failed to consider the preliminary amendment. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a new office action setting forth the restriction requirement based on the currently pending claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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